

## MINUTES OF ECCO BOARD

May 9th, 2013 7pm.

PRESENT: A. Bleed, G. Gerkin, B. Striman, R. Maurer, M. Eisenhart, R. Voeltz, D. Shea, S. Ruggia-Haden, and P. Pierson. Minutes reported by B. Striman

1. Roll call and discussion and approval of previous minutes with changes made. [Brian will make a few changes and put on website as approved.](#)
2. Minutes. Brian reported he should get the minutes out sooner than a few days prior to the next Board meeting, so action items can be remembered and worked on. Patti said we could even approve them ahead of time, online---- that we don't need to wait to approve them at the next Board meeting.
3. Membership. Mary and Patti will do calling to try to reach the goal of increased membership. 36 more members are needed.
4. Garden Tour. Mary will get colorful copy paper reams to Brian for UNL Copy Center printing. Color of paper was discussed. Danielle gave an update report on the Tours and marking of the Rain barrel class. The Lincoln paper's "Neighborhood Extra" and "Community Matters" will be contacted. [Brian will send out a few Blasts prior to the event as it gets closer, more blasts \(but no more than three reminders\).](#) Sally volunteered to help Danielle with whatever she needs, and Brian will help with card tables. Two people at each house each will have a little training about what's going on.
5. Parking notices. After discussion of some problems with handing out parking violation notices, it was decided not to give out any more brochures. They are 2 years old anyway.
6. Rental Committee. Ann reviewed the work to be done. Residential housing structures and residential and rental properties that are not maintained appropriately for our community neighborhood standards were discussed. [The Rental Committee will identify the problems.](#) They met and they need to: find volunteers to cover every couple of blocks to notify Ann about the numbers of rental properties and rental building in ECCO. We could also send out an ECCO blast (Brian is waiting for wording from the Committee concerning content for the blast). Photos can be taken of dilapidated homes, garbage, trash, old cars, and other assorted mess with the address/es. We need to get information regarding the extent of the properties that are in need of some sort of action and determine the proper/best action for each situation. The Committee might consider allying with other community organizations in north Lincoln that we are doing something about this, so we can tell realtors and help them get involved as well.
7. Forth of July Parade. Ann will contact Cindy Steuffer-Powell to get a list of things that need to be done for Tom Madsen to begin planning. There isn't really \*that\*

much to pulling off the event. Volunteers will be needed. [Brian will send out an ECCO blast when Ann says to do so. Danielle will submit the parade permit. Roy is willing to help organize, but will be out of town for July 4th.](#)

8. Idylwild Park renovation. Representatives from Lincoln Parks & Rec. Dept. came in at the last portion of our meeting to discuss the updated work they were doing on planning for the park renovation. They showed large posters of the program elements and discussed with the Board some possible time frames for the work and getting a survey published to seek input from ECCO neighbors via an ECCO blast email. [Brian will set up the survey software to direct the comments from individuals to the ECCO inbox folder for compilation.](#) We approved the program elements that should be included on the survey using the terms "like" and "dislike" for the options. Jay suggested a June 14th deadline, so the Lincoln Parks and Rec had time to do some analysis and draft up new ideas from the survey results to share at ECCO Board meeting's July meeting.

Next Board meeting is June 13th at 7pm.

No further business, Board was adjourned.